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(Please amend claim 2 as follows.)

A1 2. (Amended) A cable support as set forth in claim 1 including a stem extending tangent to [upwardly from] one side of the saddle, and wherein saddle has a diameter about half the height of the stem [to give the support the appearance of a J-hook].

[Please amend claim 4 as follows.

A2 3 ~~A~~. (Amended) A cable support as set forth in claim 2 [3] wherein said semi-circular saddle has a tip extending upwardly generally parallel to the stem, holes in said tip and the base of said stem adapted to receive a tie to close the saddle without touching the cable.

[Please amend claim 6 as follows.

A3 4 ~~6~~. (Amended) A cable support as set forth in claim ~~4~~ ³ [5] including a plurality of holes in said stem horizontally clear of the saddle for accommodating various kinds of fasteners.

[Please amend claim 12 as follows.

A4 6 ~~12~~. (Amended) A cable support as set forth in claim 1 [11 including] wherein said attachment means includes means to swing said support about a vertical axis whereby the axis of the semi-circular saddle may be oriented in substantially any generally horizontal direction.

[Please amend claim 19 as follows.

A5 17 ~~19~~. (Amended) A method of supporting a run of a bundle of [category 5] low voltage communication cable, [fiber optic cable, and the like,] comprising the steps of providing spaced supports, each comprised of a curved saddle having smooth down-turned obtuse angle lateral edges, suspending the run from saddle to saddle, and spacing the saddles along the run so that the run sags between saddles no more than about 30 cm below [from] the saddles.

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Claim 20, line 1, after "spacing", please insert --of said saddles--.

Claim 29, line 1, please change "28" to --19--.

Please amend claim 32 as follows.

a6 19 ~~32~~¹⁷. (Amended) A method as set forth in claim ~~19~~¹⁷ [31] including the step of providing a plain hole and a thread form hole in each saddle support whereby two saddle[s] supports may be secured [to opposite sides of said bracket] with a single threaded fastener passing through a plain hole in one saddle support, and the thread form hole in the other saddle support to clamp both saddle supports when the fastener is tightened.

Please add the following claims.

a7 31 ~~34~~. (New) In combination, a building structure having a projecting edge, a low voltage communications cable support for supporting a plurality of horizontal runs of such cables with minimal cable sag on each side of the support comprising a semi-circular saddle having an axis with a wide flat center section and downwardly and outwardly angled outer edge flanges with a vertically extending stem, and intermediate fastener means secured to said stem of said cable support and gripping said projecting edge of said building structure to support said cable support from said building structure in a selected position.

34 ~~35~~³¹. (New) The combination set forth in claim ~~34~~³¹ wherein said combination includes swing means to position the axis of the saddle at any angle with respect to said projecting edge of said building structure.

35 36. (New) The combination set forth in claim ~~34~~³⁵ wherein said intermediate fastener means is a spring clip gripping the edge.

35 37. (New) The combination set forth in claim ~~34~~³⁵ wherein said intermediate fastener means is a screw clamp gripping the edge.

³⁵~~38~~. (New) The combination set forth in claim ³⁴~~35~~ wherein said swing means extends between said intermediate fastener and said support enabling relative pivoting of said support with respect to the intermediate fastener about a generally vertical axis.

³⁸~~39~~. (New) The combination set forth in claim ³¹~~34~~ wherein said support includes a plurality of vertically aligned and spaced generally circular fastener holes for securing said support, said semi-circular saddle including a projecting tip portion opposite the stem, the plurality of generally circular holes being horizontally clear of the saddle and its projecting tip portion.

⁴⁰~~32~~. (New) The combination set forth in claim ³¹~~34~~ wherein the top of the vertically extending stem extends above the semi-circular saddle about twice the diameter thereof.

⁴¹~~33~~. (New) The combination set forth in claim ³¹~~34~~ wherein said semi-circular saddle is a cylindrical section, and stiffening flanges extending radially of said section outwardly and downwardly at an obtuse angle to the interior of said center cylindrical surface section.

⁴²~~39~~. (New) A low voltage communication cable support for supporting a plurality of runs of such cables with minimal cable sag on each side of the support comprising a semi-circular saddle with a cylindrical section and outer edge flanges extending radially outwardly and downwardly, a vertically extending stem section tangent to the saddle, and a plurality of generally circular holes in said vertically extending section, one of which has a thread form and another of which is plain whereby an assembly of supports may be formed by passing a headed fastener through the plain hole of one and threading it into the thread form hole of another.

⁴³~~40~~. (New) A cable support as set forth in claim ³⁹~~42~~ wherein said plurality of holes are vertically aligned yet offset whereby in the assembly said one cable support will be at a different elevation than said another cable support.

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~~44~~. (New) A cable support as set forth in claim ~~43~~⁴⁴ wherein said thread form hole is below said plain hole.

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~~45~~. (New) A cable support as set forth in claim ~~45~~⁴⁶ said semi-circular saddle includes a projecting tip opposite the vertically extending section, said holes being horizontally clear of the saddle and its projecting tip.

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~~46~~. (New) A cable support as set forth in claim ~~42~~⁴³ wherein said outer edge flanges extend at an obtuse angle to the cylindrical section.

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~~47~~. (New) A cable support as set forth in claim ~~46~~⁴⁷ including a radius between each flange and the center cylindrical section.

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~~48~~. (New) A cable support as set forth in claim ~~47~~⁴⁸ wherein said flanges and radii extend beyond the saddle to the stem section interior of the support.

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~~13~~⁴⁹. (New) A low voltage communications cable support comprising a saddle having a smooth curved saddle surface to support a run of a bundle of such cables, a vertically projecting stem on one side of the saddle, attachment means to secure said stem and thus said support to a building structure, and an upwardly projecting bundle confining tip on the opposite side of the saddle, and means to extend a tie from said tip to the stem across the top of the saddle to confine the bundle of cables within the saddle without contact between the tie and the bundle.

~~14~~⁵⁰. (New) A cable support as set forth in claim ~~49~~⁵⁰ wherein said projecting stem extends substantially above said upwardly projecting bundle confining tip, and a plurality of attachment holes in said stem clear of said tip.

~~15~~⁵¹. (New) A cable support as set forth in claim ~~50~~⁵¹ including a hole in said upwardly projecting bundle confining tip and an aligned hole in said stem through which said tie may be secured substantially horizontally above said saddle and the supported bundle.

~~16~~⁵². (New) A cable support as set forth in claim ~~51~~⁵² including a plastic tie secured to said support extending across the saddle.

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~~53~~. (New) In combination a building structure supporting a generally vertical drop wire or rod, a low voltage communications cable support for supporting a plurality of horizontal runs of such cables with minimal cable sag on each side of the support comprising a semi-circular saddle having an axis with a wide flat center section and downwardly and outwardly angled outer edge flanges with a vertically extending stem, and intermediate clip means secured to said stem of said cable support and operative to grip said drop wire or rod at any position therealong and with the axis of the saddle extending in any generally horizontal direction with respect to said drop wire or rod.

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~~54~~. (New) The combination set forth in claim ~~53~~²⁷ wherein said clip means is a spring clip having notched legs adapted to be clipped to the drop wire or rod.

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~~55~~. (New) The combination set forth in claim ~~54~~²⁸ wherein said vertically extending stem includes a plurality of fastener holes vertically clear of the semi-circular saddle, and a fastener in a selected one of said holes securing said support to said spring clip.

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~~56~~. (New) The combination set forth in claim ~~55~~²⁹ wherein said fastener is a rivet.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended in an effort to comply with the rejection of the claims as indefinite as set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. Other claims have been amended for clarity and consistency, while some claims have been canceled or rewritten as part of the additional new claims 34-56.

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 16-18, 21-23 and 26 is noted with appreciation.

The rejection of applicant's claims as indefinite is believed understood, although in the fourth line of the rejection, it is believed that the word "preceded" should probably be --followed--. The *ex parte Klumb* decision cited by the Examiner simply indicates that the functional words may either precede or follow the